

VERMONT TRANSCRIPT.
ST. ALBANS.

Friday, April 22, 1864.

WANTED. At this Office, an active, intelligent Young Man, of good habits, as an associate to the Printing business.

—The outside pages of the Transcript always contain some selections which are made with care and which we hope will repay perusal. We endeavor in our selections to present something in each number that may amuse as well as instruct.

—The running of cattle in the streets of the village of St. Albans is a nuisance, which we are glad to know the Trustees are determined to abate.

—The highway known as "Central Street," leading from Main to Founder Street is in want of immediate repairs. It has been in a dangerous and uneven condition for several months—especially near the gas house.

—Tom Thumb and wife, Commodore Nutt and Miss Minnie Warren are to visit St. Albans in about six weeks and give two of their levees at Assembly Hall.

—Mr. Homer E. Rand, son of Jasper Rand, Esq., of St. Albans, has recently been appointed Assistant Paymaster in the U. S. Navy, and has reported to Rear-Admiral Paulding in New York.

—The house that stood on the northeast corner of Bradley Barlow's premises has been sold to Mr. Smith and removed to Welden street.

—Mr. B. F. Williams designs erecting a dwelling house on Rugg street, on a lot recently purchased by him of Mr. Warren Clark.

—The rumor that found its way in print that the "Denn farm" had been deeded to Mr. Charles S. Colburn does not prove well founded.

—The First National Bank of St. Albans will commence banking operations on the corner of Main and Fairfield streets about the first of May. They have purchased one of Eddie's largest and best safes for their use and protection.

—A horse stolen from Fullers livery stable, St. Albans, on Sunday night last, was found at Enosburgh. The thief escaped, although George Beals and Erasmus Fuller were on his track.

—The building on the north side of the village green, known as the "old bank" is among the things that were. It has been removed to make room for a new hotel with a frontage of one hundred and twenty-five feet. This old building was erected some thirty-eight years ago by Wheat Beals, Esq., and has been the scene of varied profit and loss. The older part of our citizens can hardly look upon its removal even for so laudable a purpose without regret; for in its palmy days it was an institution in whose reputation and success the entire county of Franklin was interested to a greater or less degree.

—Hon. Charles Reed welcomed the 8th Vermont Regiment, 350 in number, to the State Capitol, on Saturday evening last. The speech of welcome was appropriately responded to. The regiment partook of a sumptuous collation which had been generously provided by the patriotic and ever generous people of Montpelier, and remained there over Sunday. On Monday afternoon company F.—34 in all—under command of Lieut. W. H. Smith, arrived at St. Albans, looking well and feeling grandly. They were warmly greeted on their arrival.

—The Universalist Society in St. Albans have lately painted and papered the room in the Court House, used by them for public worship, and since the ministration of the Rev. J. O. Skinner among them, the question of building a suitable church edifice has been discussed.

—George G. Benedict, Esq., read his lecture on the "Battle of Gettysburg" at Academy Hall on Wednesday evening, April 20th, to a gratified audience. The description of the battle and especially of the part that Vermonters took therein, was graphic and historically correct. It is the best and most complete one that has thus far been prepared; and is written in good taste and pleasing style. The proceeds of the lecture are to be devoted to promoting the success of the "Ladies Aid Society" in St. Albans.

—The atrocities perpetrated by the rebels at Fort Pillow, of which an account is given in another column, are almost too shocking for belief. If they prove to be correctly reported, we hope the Government will take such action as such murders demand.

—The central army committee of the Christian Commission in this country, have received through Mr. Henry L. Brainerd of Swanton, fifty-two so-called "housewives"—which have already been forwarded to their destination by the chairman of the Committee Mr. Henry M. Stevens.

—Jeremiah Greenleaf, author of Greenleaf's Grammar, died at Guilford, Vt., April 4th, aged 72.

—A prominent citizen of Montpelier, Col. Thomas Reed, died April 19th of paralysis, aged 71 years. He was a good lawyer, a successful cashier and a vigorous writer.

—Hon. Edward Seymour, of Vergennes has been chosen President of the Bank of Vergennes, in place of Gen. Samuel P. Strong, deceased.

—The roads throughout Franklin County, especially on clay bottoms, are said to be in a deplorable condition. This is partly owing to the season but chiefly to the want of thorough drainage of water. Without such drainage it is impossible to have good highways for public travel.

—During the recent session of the Vermont Conference at St. Johnsbury, Ex-Governor Fairbanks presented to each of the ministers in attendance a copy of a valuable book entitled "The Sabbath."

—The Rev. Andrew Witherspoon, D. D., formerly stationed at St. Albans, and recently at Brandon, has been transferred to the Troy Conference and is to be located at Champlain, N. Y., where he formerly preached.

—Mr. Jay Foster of East Fairfield has sold out his store of goods to Messrs. J. C. Davis and T. F. Dean, who will carry on the business under the style of J. C. Davis & Co. Mr. Foster has purchased a valuable farm in East Fairfield, and retires from the selling of merchandise for the present.

—The Montpelier Transcript in speaking of the Rev. E. H. Chapin's lecture at Montpelier, April 14th, uses the following complimentary language: "Mr. Chapin is an accomplished rhetorician, a practiced and skillful orator—though perhaps at times somewhat declamatory—and a most graceful, and often powerful writer." His lecture abounded in delightful passages of brilliant description, with many tender touches of pathos, and not a few paragraphs of stormy eloquence. It was not intended, doubtless, as an argument, and so should not be criticized, as such; but was picture, grouping and comparing many things in Europe and America, for our instruction, improvement, and the strengthening of our faith, it was worthy of the fame of the celebrated orator and lecturer who delivered it."

—Coronel Beckwith, Esq., formerly from St. Albans, and now of Chicago, was appointed last year by Gov. Yates, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Chief Justice Caton. The term for which Judge Beckwith was appointed will soon expire and a large number of citizens of Illinois have united in an earnest request that he will allow them to present his name as a candidate for the office. Judge Beckwith replies to this request leaving the matter to their discretion and consent to be a candidate for the ensuing term if nominated by the Republican Judicial Convention, and freely and fully endorses the policy of the present administration. The Chicago Tribune remarks that "the fine legal ability of Judge Beckwith is conceded by all who know him; he has no superior on the bench or bar in Illinois. There is no doubt as to Judge Beckwith's capacity to discharge the duties of the high office, of his soundness on the absorbing issues of the country." Judge Beckwith's friends in this vicinity hope to congratulate him hereafter not only on his nomination, but on his election to an office which by education and experience he is so well qualified to adorn.

—The Hon. Frederick E. Woodbridge, of Vermont, made an excellent speech in Congress the other day in reference to a railroad monopoly in New Jersey.

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